

**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
July 27, 2023**

In attendance:

Erik Stone, County Commissioner/Chair
Bob Campbell, County Commissioner/Vice-Chair
Dan Williams, County Commissioner
Ross Herzog, County Administrator
Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

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Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder, Teller, CO

1. 9:18 a.m. Convene in Regular Session:

The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County convened in regular session in the Teller County Centennial Building in Cripple Creek, CO.

Mr. Stone presided.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

Teller County 4-H Club members led the Pledge of Allegiance and also recited the 4-H Pledge.

The Board moved to Agenda item #7.

7. Teller County 4-H Livestock Auction Presentation

Presenting: The following members of the Teller County 4-H Club gave a presentation on the upcoming Teller County Fair 4-H Club events and livestock auction: Alanna Crawford, Terri Snare, Alexander Stotts, Parker Gilley, Alexandra Pico, Maxine Muzio-Thornberry, Jayda Loomis, Maddison Wolff, Brinnley Wolff, Adelynn Stotts, RJ Morley, Sylence Strait, Garrett Hall, Jayce Wilson, Sutton Strait and Storm Strait.

Commissioners Stone, Williams and Campbell discussed the benefits of the 4-H program, the upcoming County Fair, and praised the 4-H members for their hard work and commitment.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on July 13, 2023, as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of July 25, 2023, in the amount of \$463,567.12. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Williams:

- He recognized the successful suppression of the fire in the Florissant Fossil Beds near Lower Twin Rocks Road with the efforts of local, state and federal

- assistance. He stressed the importance of continued fire mitigation efforts in the County.
- He recently attended the 2023 National Association of Counties (NACO) conference where he is a member of the Public Lands and Land Use and Environment committees. NACO passed 21 Resolutions which will be presented to the federal government, including:
 - Request for increase in Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILT) funds for counties.
 - Requiring the federal government to cooperate with counties on land use.
 - National forest health and public behavior in the forest.
 - Rights of way
 - Domestic livestock raising
 - Wild horses and burros conditions
 - He is participating in a wildfire matters committee formed by a bipartisan and bicameral group of Colorado legislators.
 - Discussed a federal plan for solar farms on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands.

Mr. Campbell:

- Thanked administration and staff for coordinating the employee appreciation picnic at Sourdough Park.
- He is working with the Pikes Peak Workforce (PPWF) to prepare for an upcoming audit by the federal Department of Labor.
- He has been assisting Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) with insurance pool matters.
- He is assisting with Community of Partnership with their multiple projects and an upcoming State agency visit.
- Attended Kiwanis events .
- Noted that the new school year starts soon, and he has been helping his wife get her classroom ready.

Mr. Stone:

- Reported that the Commissioners recently met as the County Board of Health to review the 5-year behavioral health plan presented by the Public Health Department.
- The Commissioners also met as the Board of Social Services and discussed improvements with child welfare cases and issues and an increase in adult protective services reports and cases.
- The Pikes Peak Area of Council of Governments (PPACG) held a meeting in Woodland Park at the Ute Pass Cultural Center with members of city council from Woodland Park, Colorado Springs, Fountain, Monument, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, and commissioners from Teller, Park and El Paso counties.
- He attended a meeting in Florence with the Central Front Range Planning Transportation Region.
- Provided an update on the road closure on Highway 24 in Florissant Canyon for multiple days and that the detour will be on Twin Rocks Road.
- Reported on the road widening project on Highway 67 in the Gillette Flats area.
- Reported on the current resurfacing project ending at Edlowe Road and the future